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Q1. Who ruled whole of North India before Chandragupta Maurya?

- a) Satavahanas
 - b) Harsha
 - c) Nandas
 - d) Guptas
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Q2. Who among the following rulers paid attention to the resource management in Girnar region some centuries before the Christian era?

- Mahapadma Nanda
- Ashoka
- Chandragupta Maurya
- Rudradaman

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a) 2 and 3
 - b) 2, 3 and 4
 - c) 1 and 2
 - d) 3 and 4
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Q3. With reference to the **history of Indian rock-cut architecture**, consider the following statements:

- The caves at Badami are the oldest surviving rock-cut caves in India.
- The Barabar rock-cut caves were originally made for Ajivikas by Emperor Chandragupta Maurya.
- At Ellora, caves were made for different faiths.

Which of the statements given above is/are **correct**?

- a) 1 only

- b) 1, 2 and 3
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) 3 only
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Q4. In which of the following edicts/inscriptions does Ashoka express his faith in the Buddhist creed?

- a) Schism Edict
- b) Rummindei Inscription
- c) Bhabru Edict
- d) Kandahar Inscription

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Q5. Which of the following edicts/inscriptions does not belong to the category directed to the sangha?

- a) Kandahar Inscription
 - b) Nigalisagar Inscription
 - c) Bhabra Edict
 - d) Schism Edict
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Q6. Which is supposed to be the fifth Veda ?

- a) Naladiyar
 - b) Jivachintamani
 - c) Tiruttodar-puranam
 - d) Tirukural
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Q7. Kautilya's Arthashastra deals with the aspects of

- a) Political policies
 - b) Social life 22 Objective General Studies
 - c) Economic life
 - d) Religious life
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Q8. Which of the following was not a state monopoly during the Mauryan period?

- a) Mines and forests
 - b) Slaughter houses and gambling houses
 - c) Pearl and fisheries
 - d) Ferries and bridges
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Q9. The Shungas were officials under the Mauryas of the region of

- a) The Southern province
 - b) The North-West province
 - c) Taxila
 - d) Ujjain
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Q10. Which one of the following inscriptions contains the name of Ashoka?

- a) Ahraura
 - b) Sarnath
 - c) Gujarra
 - d) Brahmagiri
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Q11. Which of the following is an example of Mauryan art?

- a) Bull capital, Rampurva
- b) The panel showing Mahakapi Jataka at Bharhut

- c) Image of Nara-Narayana in the temple at Deogarh
d) Terracotta figures found at Ter

Q12. Which one is the correct **chronological order** in which the given rulers ruled over **Magadha**?

1. Brihadratha - Bimbisara - Sisunaga – Bindusara
 2. Sisunaga - Bindusara - Brihadratha – Bimbisara
 3. Brihadratha - Bindusara - Sisunaga – Bimbisara
 4. Sisunaga - Bimbisara - Brihadratha – Bindusara
- a) 1, 2 and 3
b) 4 only
c) 3 only
d) 2, 3 and 4

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Q13.

List-I	List-II
A. Ashokan Pillar	1. Barabar Hills
B. Bull Capital	2. Ropar
C. Lomarishi caves	3. LauriyaNandangarh
D. Ringed Soakwells	4. Rampurva

Codes: A B C D

- a) 4 3 1 2
b) 3 4 1 2
c) 1 2 3 4
d) 2 3 1 4

Q14.

List-I	List-II
A. Shunga dynasty	(1) Narayan, Susharma Vasudev
B. Kanva dynasty	(2) Siemukh, Shatkarni, Krishna
C. Satvahan dynasty	(3) Kaniskha
D. Shaka dynasty	(4) Pushyamitra, Sujesthasak

Codes: A B C D

a) A - 3, B - 4, C - 1, D - 2

b) A - 1, B - 3, C - 4, D - 2

c) A - 2, B - 4, C - 3, D - 1

d) A - 4, B - 1, C - 2, D - 3

Q15. Who established 'Rajdharma' on triplex bases of longanimity, liberty and compassion?

a) Akbar

b) Shivaji

c) Ashoka

d) Ranjit Singh

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Q2. Answer: (a)

Q3. Answer: (c)

The Barabar rock-cut caves are the oldest rock-cut caves.

They were originally made for the Ajivikas during the Mauryan period (322-185 BCE). The Ellora caves were built between the 5th century and 10th centuries. There were 34 caves out of which 12 were Buddhist caves, 17 were Hindu caves and 5 were Jain caves.

The proximity of the caves clearly demonstrates the religious harmony prevalent at that period of time.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (b)

Q7. Answer: (a)

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (c)

Q10. Answer: (c)

Q11. Answer: (a)

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (b)

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (c)

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